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Maj. Gen. Carl A. Strock Takes Command of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Washington D.C., July 1, 2004 – Maj. Gen. Carl A. Strock took command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a military ceremony on July 1 at Fort Myer, Va. Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, hosted the ceremony. Strock replaces Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers who retired during the same ceremony after 35 years of Army service.

Flowers served as the Army's 50th Chief of Engineers from Oct. 2000 until today.

"General Flowers is a leader, and a warrior, and we are thankful for his dedicated service," said Schoomaker.

"The last four years, I've commanded a unique organization, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There's nothing else like it," said Flowers. "Unique in all the world, great civil servants, taking care of the nation and it's Armed Forces, and I'm enormously proud of all of them." He acknowledged the many Officers, Noncommissioned officers and fellow Soldiers, who mentored him.

During the ceremony, Flowers and Strock passed the ceremonial flag, symbolizing the change of command.

Strock is the 51st Chief of Engineers. The U.S. Senate confirmed his nomination as Chief of Engineers on June 25, with promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General. However, the promotion will not take place until later this summer.

"I am deeply honored and truly humbled to stand before you today," said Strock. "I am honored because there is no greater privilege than to be entrusted with command when your nation is at war."

Strock has served the Army 33 years. He was previously assigned as the Director of Civil Works, and the Director of Military Programs at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington D.C. He also served as Deputy Director of Operations for the Coalition Provisional Authority, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As Chief of Engineers he leads the world's largest public engineering agency with 35,000 employees.